

WE CLAIM:

1. An adjustable surround for use with a fireplace, the surround comprising:  
a first member having first and second ends; and  
a second member having first and second ends, the first and second members being oriented generally horizontally in alignment with the first ends facing each other, a distance between the second ends of the first and second members defining a width of the surround;  
wherein the first and second members are movable relative to each other to vary the width of the surround.
2. The surround of claim 1, further comprising a first overlap member configured to cover a spacing between the first ends of the first and second members.
3. The surround of claim 2, wherein the first overlap member has a width and a maximum spacing between the first ends of the first and second members is no greater than the width of the first overlap member.
4. The surround of claim 1, further comprising first and second side members extending generally vertically from the second ends of respective first and second horizontal members.
5. The surround of claim 4, wherein the first and second side members each include first and second ends and a length, the second ends of the first and second side members being coupled to the second end of respective first and second members, the length of the first and second side members defining a portion of a height of the surround.
6. The surround of claim 4, further comprising second and third overlap members coupled to respective first and second side members, and relative movement

between the second and third overlap members and respective first and second side members adjusts a height of the surround.

7. The surround of claim 1, further comprising a retaining bracket configured for mounting the surround to an exterior portion of the fireplace or a wall structure adjacent to the fireplace, wherein the retaining bracket supports the first and second members in predetermined positions relative to each other.

8. The surround of claim 7, wherein the retaining bracket includes first and second retaining members configured to support respective first and second members.

9. The surround of claim 2, wherein the first overlap member includes a keystone shape.

10. The surround of claim 2, wherein the first overlap member includes a front decorative surface and a rear surface, the rear surface including a track structure configured to engage a front decorative surface of the first and second members to couple the first overlap member to the first and second horizontal members.

11. The surround of claim 6, wherein the second and third overlap members each include a front decorative surface and a rear surface, the rear surface including a track structure configured to engage a front decorative surface of respective first and second side members to couple the second and third overlap member to respective first and second side members.

12. The surround of claim 6, wherein the second and third overlap members are coupled to the first ends of respective first and second side members.

13. The surround of claim 1, wherein the first and second members are oriented generally horizontally.

14. The surround of claim 6, wherein the second and third overlap members are coupled respectively to the second ends of the first and second members and to the first ends of the first and second side members.

15. A width adjustment surround for a fireplace, the surround comprising:  
first and second top members arranged end to end in a generally horizontal orientation and defining a width of the surround, wherein the first and second top members are movable relative to each other to alter the width of the surround.

16. The surround of claim 15, wherein the first and second top members each include a first end, the first ends facing each other, and movement of the first and second top members adjusts a spacing between the first ends.

17. The surround of claim 16, further comprising a first overlap member configured to overlap the first ends of the first and second top members to cover the spacing between the first ends.

18. A height adjustment surround for a fireplace, the surround comprising:  
first and second side members extending generally vertically on opposing sides of a combustion chamber enclosure of the fireplace; and  
first and second overlap members configured to be coupled to respective first and second side members;  
wherein relative movement between the first and second side members and respective first and second overlap member adjusts a height of the surround.

19. The surround of claim 18, wherein the first and second side members include first ends oriented generally downward facing, and the first and second overlap members are configured to be coupled to the first end of respective first and second side members.

20. A method of adjusting a size of a decorative surround for a fireplace, the surround having a height, a width, a top member oriented generally horizontally and having a width in a vertical direction and a length in the horizontal direct, and first and second side members extending generally vertically and being coupled to the top member, the method comprising the step of moving the first and second side members across the width of the top member to adjust the height of the surround.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of moving the first and second side members along a length of the top member to adjust a width of the surround.

22. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of mounting the surround to an exterior portion of the fireplace or a wall structure adjacent the fireplace with a retaining bracket.

23. The method of claim 20, wherein the surround further includes first and second overlap members configured to overlap respective first and second ends of the top member and first ends of the side members.

24. A method of adjusting a size of a decorative surround for a fireplace, the surround having a width and including first and second horizontal members oriented generally horizontally and being aligned end to end, the method comprising the step of moving the first and second horizontal members relative to each other to adjust the width of the surround.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the surround further includes an overlap member having a width and being configured to overlap ends of the first and second horizontal members that are facing each other, and the moving step includes moving the first and second horizontal members relative to each other within the width of the overlap member.

26. A method of adjusting a size of a decorative surround for a fireplace, the surround having a height and including first and second side members extending generally vertically along opposing sides of a combustion chamber enclosure of the fireplace, and including first and second overlap members coupled to the first and second side members, the method comprising the step of moving the first and second side members relative to respective first and second overlap members to adjust the height of the surround.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the first and second side members include first and second ends, the first ends being oriented in a vertically downward facing direction, the method further comprising the step of coupling the first and second overlap members to the first ends of respective first and second side members.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the first and second side members include first and second ends, the second ends facing upward, and the surround further including a top member extending between the first and second side members, the method further comprising the step of coupling the first and second overlap members to the second ends of respective first and second side members and to opposing ends of the top member.

29. An adjustable size decorative surround for a fireplace, the surround comprising:  
a top member oriented generally horizontally;  
first and second side members oriented generally vertically;  
wherein vertical movement of the first and second side members relative to the top member adjusts the size of the surround.

30. The surround of claim 29, wherein the surround includes a height, and relative movement between the top member and the first and second side members adjust the height of the surround.

31. The surround of claim 29, wherein the surround includes a width, and relative movement between the top member and the first and second side members adjust the width of the surround.

32. The surround of claim 29, wherein the surround further includes first and second overlap members configured to cover an intersecting point between the top member and respective first and second side members.

33. The surround of claim 1, further comprising a mantle shelf configured for mounting on top of the top member.